

1 IN THE SPECIFICATION:

2 The following paragraphs are rewritten pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

3 1. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8 of the specification with the following  
4 paragraph:

5 As used in this disclosure and the following claims, a “comminuted” material comprises  
6 generally a material which ~~[[as]]~~ has been cut into relatively smaller pieces from one or more  
7 relatively larger pieces. The meat being treated may be originally comminuted by any suitable  
8 device such as grinder or bowl chopper. Regardless of the manner in which the original or initial  
9 material is comminuted, the size of the individual pieces in the initial comminuted meat may  
10 preferably have a maximum dimension of between two (2) inches and three-eighths (3/8) of an  
11 inch.